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Double Agent Claims Double Cross by U. S.

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American intelligence authorities were accused yesterday of double-crossing a double agent.

The charge was made by the self-described double agent, Arthur Burchinshaw, 33. Mr. Burchinshaw was freed from Stadelheim Prison in Munich yesterday after being held for 21 weeks on suspicion of spying.

Until last March 31, when he was taken into custody by American policemen and handed over to West German officials, Mr. Burchinshaw had represented a London "made-to-measure" tailoring firm on an American army post near Munich.

He said yesterday he had been approached in Munich by a Russian, who had asked him to use his position at the base to spy for the Soviet Union.

"I told the American security people right away about the Russian approach," the former Liverpool policeman asserted. "The Americans told me to follow it up."

Mr. Burchinshaw said he was "thunderstruck" when U. S. military policemen arrested him in his office and turned him over to the West Germans as a suspected spy. The arrest was announced more than three months later, after he wrote to his member of Parliament protesting his innocence.

Yesterday, the chief Bavarian state prosecutor ordered Mr. Burchinshaw's release following receipt of a communication from the U. S. military. The contents was not disclosed.

Mr. Burchinshaw said he was considering a suit against the Americans. Army headquarters in Heidelberg declined comment.